

PhD Candidate Jason Tucker seeks LERC for help in his research

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Mr. Jason Tucker, a PhD candidate in the Social Policy Sciences Department at the University of Bath in the UK, visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center at NDU to seek help in his research.

Mr. Tucker is currently working as a research fellow at the Lebanese American University while undertaking his field work. His research focuses on the practices of those assisting and advocating for stateless populations in Lebanon and on how these practices tie in with the various theories of global citizenship. Several scholars have claimed that ‘global citizenship’ is a possible solution to statelessness, yet they have failed to empirically test this assumption. Mr. Tucker’s research aims to counter this lack of empirical understating, situating the very normative concepts of global citizenship within the context of the large and diverse stateless populations of Lebanon.



Mr. Tucker with Mrs. Liliane Haddad at LERC offices.

Besides his PhD research, since January 2011 Mr. Tucker has also been a volunteer researcher with the Equal Rights Trust in London, where he is writing reports on the stateless Rohingya in nine countries, using a human rights approach to their dire situation resenting from their lack of

legal status in these countries. These reports will be published as part of a larger awareness campaign on the topic.

Mr. Tucker met with LERC Chief Indexer and Archivist Mrs. Liliane Haddad and was given a presentation of LERC's electronic archives. He also signed up to become an associate of LERC to gain access to its electronic archives and database. Mr. Tucker returned to LERC on the 30th of March, when he met LERC Director, Ms. Hourani.